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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

January 10, 1935.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Chief Deputy Coroner Schlaeger of Cook County, Illinois, called at this office this morning after the inquest into the death of Russell C. Gibson and said that they had definitely identified Byron Bolton, alias Monty Carter, as the chauffeur of "Killer" Burke, who, as the Division knows, is now serving a life sentence in the State of Michigan. He says that they were very desirous of securing the gun used by the late Russell C. Gibson in order that they might make ballistic tests with a view to determining the possible complicity of Byron Bolton in the St. Valentines Day massacre and possibly other crimes, they having certain guns which could be used in this comparison.

The Coroner's office, as the Division probably knows, was very liberal with us in connection with the Coroner's inquest into the death of Russell Gibson, permitting us to put on two witnesses who were not actually eye witnesses of the tragedy and also permitted us to use Mrs. Russell C. Gibson as a witness when they might have demanded that the other inmates of the apartment, i.e., Byron Bolton and Ruth Heidt, be present.

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I told Chief Deputy Coroner Schlaeger that in accordance with the established custom, it was necessary to send this gun immediately to the Division in order that the Division might make ballistic tests and comparison there, and that after these tests had been made the Division would be glad to cooperate with the Cook County authorities. I am rather of the opinion that if this gun is returned to Chicago it will remain in the hands of the Cook County authorities. I believe that some steps should be taken to make some kind of a gesture, possibly as Mr. Tamm suggested this morning, concerning enlarged photographs of the test bullets. Of course, if the Division desired the gun might be returned to Chicago.

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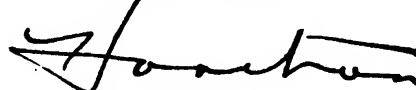
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I gave the Chief Deputy Coroner rather to understand that this would be done in order that the present amicable arrangements between this office and the Coroner's office would not be disturbed. At that particular time the Coroner's jury had not rendered a verdict, or at least if it had, I had not heard of it.

Very truly yours,



HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director.

HN:GVT

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January 17, 1935.

Mr. Harold Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

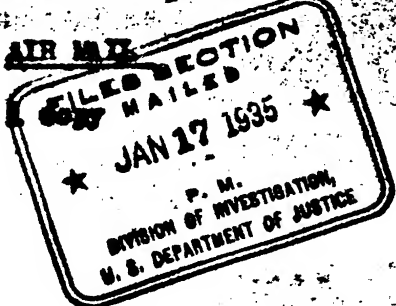
Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1935, in connection with the three Browning Automatic rifles and the Thompson Sub-Machine gun recovered in the apprehension of Russell Gibson in Chicago and from the apartment of "Doc" Barker. Test specimens have been taken from these guns and are enclosed in order that they may be transmitted to the Cook County authorities for comparison with ballistic specimens.

The three Browning Automatic rifles were received in the Laboratory, one marked as the gun used by Gibson in an attempted escape, one found intact in the apartment, and another disassembled. It has been found after assembling the latter gun that it was defective and the firing pin was replaced in order to fire a cartridge, therefore, the firing pin mark is not significant. These enclosed specimens are in envelopes appropriately marked for identification.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #634724



JEM:HW

January 10, 1935.

Time-2:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

During a telephonic conversation with Colonel Bates, I was questioned as to the approximate date when the Billinger Report might be turned in. Colonel Bates stated that he had received an inquiry concerning the matter from a representative of the Associated Press.

I advised that the date was quite indefinite; that the Division was at present occupied with several other matters, for instance, the Karpis-Barker gang and the Piquett trial; and that the Special Agents were needed in regard to these matters more urgently than in investigating Dillinger in Indiana.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 812
Chicago Ill.

January 8, 1935.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

There is being transmitted herewith one
copy of fingerprint impressions of MRS. A. R. ESSER,
paramour of A. R. "DOC" BARKER, I. O. #1219.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS *per*,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 11, 1935.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

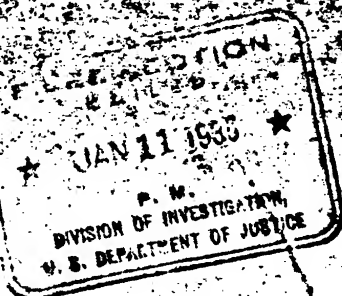
In reply to a communication received from the
Chicago Division Office dated January 8, 1935, which
transmitted fingerprints of MILDRED CONQUEST, please be
advised that a search of the files of the Division of
Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning
this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

L. A. FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/9/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/28/34	REPORT MADE BY: JAMES G. FINDLAY RL
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">HENRY J. TWEEDALE states that he cashed several small checks for O B CARTER but he does not remember the bank or banks on which same were drawn but that they were in Chicago; that he also assisted GEORGE ZIEGLER in cashing a Western Union check for \$1100.00 or \$1150.00 from Chicago to Trinidad, Colorado. He does not remember the name of the party sending said money. No information relative to present whereabouts of O. B. CARTER.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated 12-15-34.			
DETAILS: Agent interviewed HENRY J. TWEEDALE and wife, 4301 South Central Ave., Los Angeles, California, Telephone: Century 28165; they stated that they were well acquainted with GEORGE ZIEGLER and wife and O. B. CARTER and wife and two children at Trinidad, Colorado, in 1929 and 1930; that these parties came to Trinidad and vicinity to spend the summer and they became close friends and visited them at their camp on several occasions.			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. P. Dunn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3731	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 14 1935
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division COPIES DESTROYED 2 St. Paul 2 Chicago MAR 22 1945 2 E. J. Connelley 1 Denver, Colorado 2 Los Angeles		UNITED STATES JAN 14 1935 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE STAT SECT. FILE	CHECKED OFF: JAN 22 1935 JACKETED:

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They stated that they remembered that O. B. CARTER received several small checks from Chicago, which they cashed or which they aided in getting cashed, but that none of the checks were for a larger sum than \$300.00 and that they remember only one check for that amount; that the checks all came from Chicago but that they cannot remember the party or parties sending same or the bank or banks on which said checks were drawn. Mr. TWEEDALE stated that he remembered one transaction very well. That GEORGE ZIEGLER received either \$1100.00 or \$1150.00 by Western Union check; that ZIEGLER approached him to get his assistance in having same cashed; that he endorsed this check and verified same with the manager of the Western Union, Mr. John Boles at Trinidad, Colorado, before he aided in the cashing of same; that they then took said check to the First National Bank at Trinidad and presented same to Neal Bryning, Teller of said bank, and that he, Mr. Tweedale, endorsed said check and that same was cashed; that he believes that Mr. Bryning will remember this transaction quite well, as it was not an every day occurrence for said bank to receive a check of this size by Western Union; that he, Mr. Tweedale, does not remember the bank on which said check was drawn, nor the party sending same, but he does remember that it came from Chicago; that this transaction took place either in August or September, 1929; that he remembers the incident well and is sure that it was in either August or September.

At first Mr. and Mrs. TWEEDALE thought that they had some kodak pictures of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. CARTER and ZIEGLER but they made a search of their home and later reported by telephone that they were unable to find the pictures at their home. They stated that, while they were very good friends of the CARTERS and ZIEGLERS while they were at Trinidad, when they left, supposedly for Chicago, that they never heard from them or never as much as received a post-card from them and that they have no information at present relative to their present whereabouts.

Agent made investigation at the office of the Western Union in Los Angeles and was advised by the manager that a record of the above transaction would be kept at the Trinidad, Colorado, office for a period of one year, at which time it would be sent to the Denver office and that, in due course, would be sent to the headquarters office at Chicago, Illinois, where same would be kept for a period of five years and that a record of this transaction could no doubt be found in the main office of the Western Union at Chicago.

No lead is being set out in this matter but same is being left to the discretion of Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago as to what further investigation should be made.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

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January 11, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases--I. O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases--I. O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases--I. O. #1232;
ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to your letter of December 26, 1934, to the St. Paul Division office, describing three automobiles which are known to have been in the possession of persons connected with this case, and requesting that various field offices receiving copies of this letter arrange to have the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus advise if and when any of these cars is presented for registration for the year 1935 and also to determine to whom licenses were issued for the year 1934. The three mentioned cars are:

- X Ford V-8 coach, motor number 1150943
- X Ford V-8 Victoria coupe, motor number 1142463
- X Pontiac coach, 1933 model, motor number 955155, serial number 815237

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, has advised that not one of these cars was registered in the State of Florida for the year 1934; further advising that in his records he has placed "stop" card for each and in the event application is made for title or tag the Jacksonville Division office will be immediately advised.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division
St. Paul
Jax #7-24

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 11, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. # 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. # 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. O. # 1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. # 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 5, 1935, advising that Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Newbold, 2340 W. Fremont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, sister and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, had received a letter with the return of Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, 212 E. Brady, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

For your information, this is to advise that the Dorothy Karpis above mentioned has been identified as being a former wife of Alvin Karpis, nee Dorothy Slayman, and is now residing in apartment number 10, 212 E. Brady Street. As will be noted from previous reports submitted in this matter, and the activities of Mrs. Dorothy Karpis are being reported to this office.

Enclosed, Illinois, dated December 17, 1934, mention is made of a letter received by the return address P. O. Box 1114, Muskogee, Oklahoma, received by Mrs. E. D. Stanley at Glasgow, Montana, having been forwarded from Pittsburg, Kansas. It has been ascertained that this post office box at Muskogee was rented by C. W. Morris, a dairyman, residing five or six miles west of Muskogee. This matter is receiving further attention.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

January 8, 1935.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:- Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL
GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.O. 1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

There is being transmitted herewith one
copy of the fingerprint impressions of A. R. (Doc)
Barker, I.O. 1219, a subject in the above-entitled
case.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 11, 1935.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL
GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.O. 1232; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In reply to a communication received from the Chicago
Division Office dated January 8, 1935, transmitting a copy of
the fingerprints of A. R. (DOC) BARKER, I.O. 1219, please be
advised that a search of the files of the Division of Investiga-
tion reveals this individual to be identical with Dock Barker,
our file number 289428, a copy of whose record is attached
hereto.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #293786.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, Minn.**

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FILE NO. **7-6**

REPORT MADE AT: EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-9-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-9-35	REPORT MADE BY: J.L. Geraghty jfn
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Alamo Plaza Tourist Apartment not located in the district of this office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F.S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, 12/21/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: Reference was made to all directories in possession of the El Paso Office and to the list of tourist camps as well which is maintained in the El Paso Office, but the Alamo Plaza Tourist Camp was not located among those listed.</p> <p>The list of tourist camps maintained in the El Paso Office was prepared with reference to all of the tourist camps in the district of the El Paso Office by communicating with the Sheriffs in the various counties.</p> <p>There being no further investigation indicated in this district, the case is</p>			
DETAILS:		<p>REFERRED UPON COMPLETION</p> <p>TO</p> <p>OFFICE OF ORIGIN</p>	
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

January 12, 1935.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O.
#1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases,
I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, I. O. #1232, ETAL;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 7th, 1935, there
is enclosed, herewith, full length picture of Clyde Nimerick, alias
C. D. Harris, which was taken at Des Moines, Iowa, on December 29th,
1931, also attached are full palm prints of both his right and left
hands. The Police Department at Des Moines would like to have the
return of these palm prints, or a good photographic copy of same.

Likewise enclosed is a picture of Frances Heizer, alias
Mrs. C. D. Harris, who is the wife of Clyde Nimerick.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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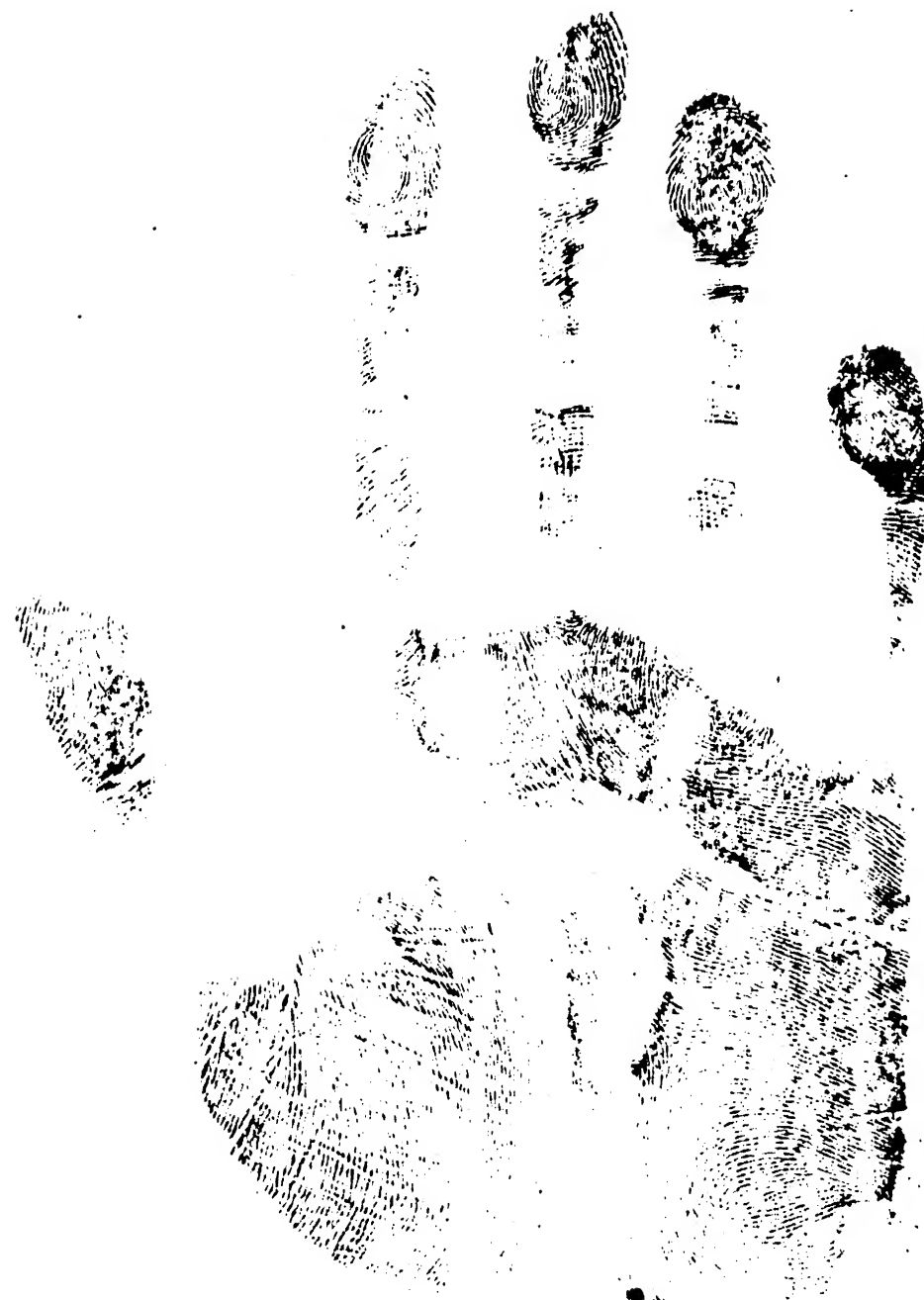
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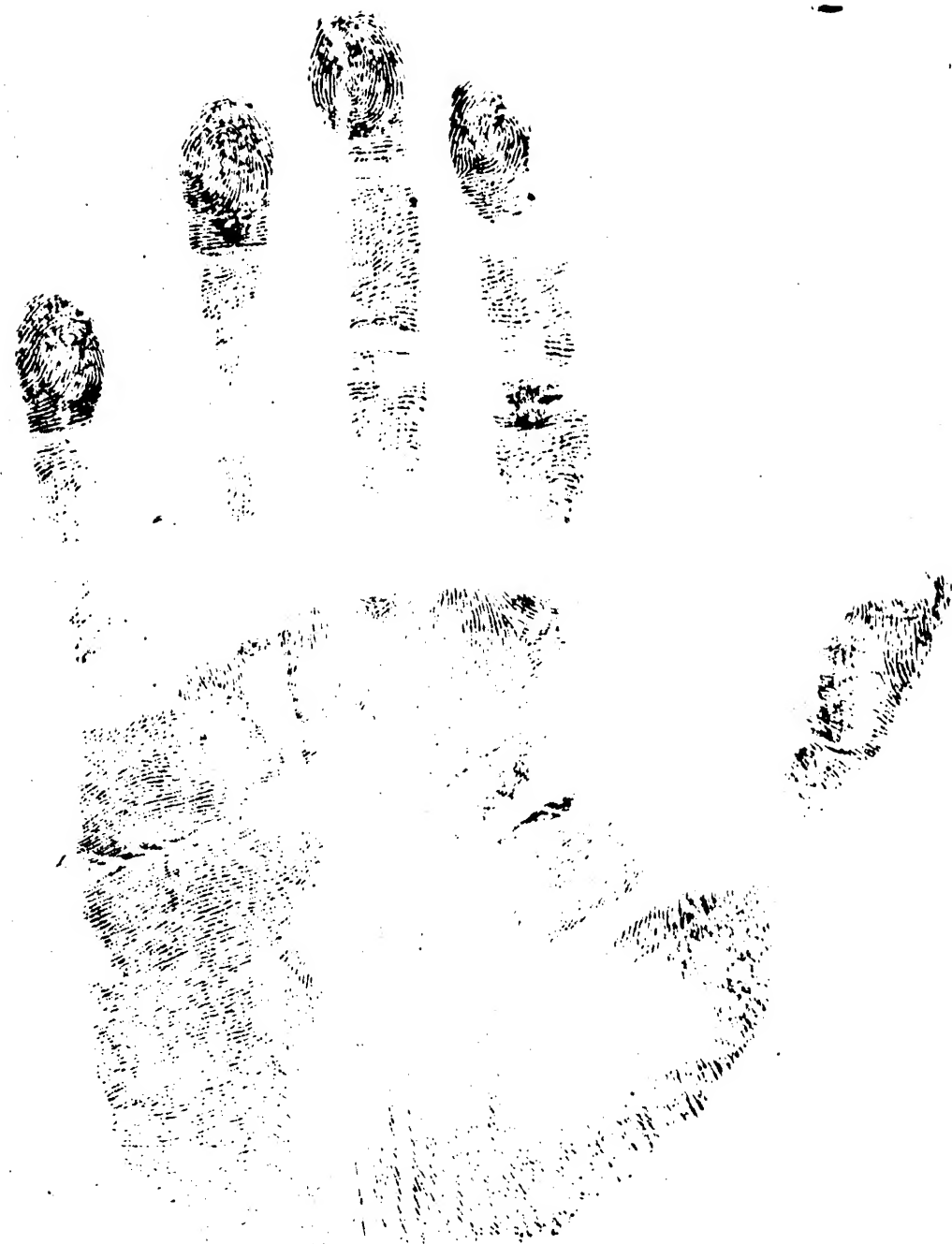
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Clyde Nimerick

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Clyde Nimerick, alias
C. D. Harris -

Photograph taken 12/29/31
at Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. C. D. Harris,
Frances Heiger

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Clyde Munerick

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January 21, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.#1219;
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Dear Sir:

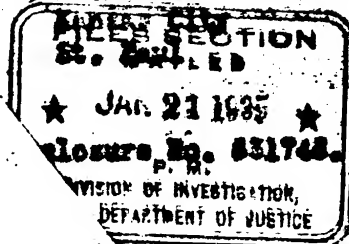
There are returned herewith the original palm prints of Clyde Kimerick, alias C. B. Harris, which were taken by the Police Department at Des Moines Iowa, on December 20, 1931 and were transmitted to the Division with your letter dated January 12, 1935. Copies of these palm prints have been retained in the Division's file.

There are also transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below, a full length photograph of Clyde Kimerick and a photograph of Frances Weiser, taken by the Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, on December 20, 1931.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Louis
Detroit



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

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January 8, 1935

~~PERSON AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the
fingerprint impressions taken from the body of RUSSELL
GIBSON, I.O. 1213.

*reply
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Encl.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In reply to a communication received from the
Chicago Division Office dated January 8, 1935, transmitting
a copy of the fingerprints of RUSSELL GIBSON, I.O. 1213,
deceased, please be advised that a search of the files of
the Division of Investigation reveals this individual to
be identical with Russell Gibson, our file number 57685,
a copy of whose record is attached hereto.

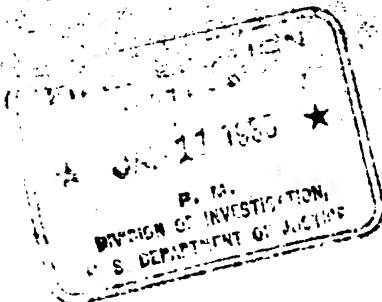
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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JANUARY 12, 1935

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
512 MARINE TRUST BUILDING
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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BROKEID DETERMINE TO WHOM SHIPPED AUTO AND BURGLAR SAWED OFF DOUBLE BARRELL
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F. X. FAY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE
ROOM 1403
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

JANUARY 12, 1935

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320 FEDERAL BLDG
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

BREKID RETEL NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR MINNESOTA LICENSE SIX SIX NINE EIGHT FIVE ISSUED TO
JAMES WILLIAMSON SEVEN NAUGHT SIX NINTH STREET SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA FOR
NINETEEN THIRTY THREE CHEVROLET SEDAN THREE SIX SEVEN FIVE ONE FOUR SIX STOP
CAR PURCHASED FROM BOLTON SWANBEE COMPANY DULUTH MINNESOTA JUNE TWENTY NINETEEN
THIRTY FOUR STOP WILLIAMSON RESIDED AT MINNEAPOLIS ADDRESS ABOUT THREE WEEKS
DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND SMALL DAUGHTER
AND LATER VISITED BY MOTHER FATHER AND YOUNGER BROTHER AND SISTER WITH WHOM HE
DEPARTED TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED

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E. J. CONNELLEY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR MISSOURI LICENSE THREE SIX NAUGHT SIX SIX NAUGHT
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AUTOMOBILE MOTOR NUMBER B FIVE THREE FOUR SIX FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION
UNAVAILABLE HERE STOP SAINT LOUIS REQUESTED OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
AND ADVISE YOU DIRECT

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232 POSTOFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

BREKID DISREGARD FURTHER INVESTIGATION MINNESOTA AUTOMOBILE LICENSE SIX SIX
NINE EIGHT FIVE OWNERSHIP VERIFIED HERE

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CHG. GOVT. RATE
320 FEDERAL BLDG
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

January 9, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 11 1935
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ONE A

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218.
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1219.
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1218.
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O.
1232, et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Under date of January 8, 1935 the following wire was received from the Kansas City Division office:

"BREKID CONNELLEY REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING MISSOURI NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR LICENSE THREE SIX NAUGHT SIX SIX NAUGHT STOP LICENSE ISSUED R GUTTMAN TEN FOURTEEN A MCCOUELAND SAINTLOUIS FOR ROCKNE MOTOR NUMBER B FIVE THREE FOUR SIX STOP NO FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE OBTAIN AND FORWARD DIRECT CHICAGO ANY AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION"

Agent C. M. Tynor of the St. Louis Division office discreetly questioned the stenographer in the office of Callant & Hannigan, attorneys, room 1012, 722 Chestnut St., St. Louis and she advised that Robert A. Guttman had been employed as an investigator for that firm up until last summer. The exact date of Guttman's leaving the firm was unknown and the stenographer stated that she felt sure that Guttman was not now in St. Louis. She stated, however, that as far as she knew his reputation was above reproach. She further stated that no doubt Mr. Hannigan would know all about Mr. Guttman, his actions and his present whereabouts and suggested that Mr. Hannigan be interviewed when he returns to his office on January 10, 1935 at 9:00 A. M.

Mr. Hannigan will be interviewed upon his return, January 10, 1935, and any information obtained will be forwarded direct to the Chicago Division office.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. BOX 1156,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA,
January 9, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I.O. #1213;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1232;
et al. Edward George Bremer — Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:-

As a result of a cover maintained on the mail of the relatives of HARRY SAWYER, at Lincoln, Nebraska, the following tracings have been received at the Omaha Office and are enclosed herewith:-

1. Letter with postmark of Omaha, Nebr., 12/21/34, to Mrs. A. Sandlovich, Mill Sewall St., Lincoln, Nebr. Address on the envelope of Mrs. A. Sandlovich, Omaha, Nebr. The address on the envelope being typed.

2. Bearing postmark of Inglewood, Calif., 12/31/34, addressed to Mrs. Ray Sandlovich, Mill Sewall St., Lincoln, and carrying return address of "1010 E. 65th St., Inglewood, Calif."

3. An air mail letter with postmark of "Havana, Cuba, January 1, 1935", addressed to Mrs. A. Sandlovich, 2828 Sheridan Road, Lincoln, Nebr. In the upper left hand corner is written "Panama Pacific Line."

As this cover was to be maintained for fifteen days during the Holiday Season, same is being discontinued but will be renewed if desired. Special Agent J. R. Green, of this office, advises that his confidential Jewish informant at Lincoln, Nebraska, informs him he has as yet been unable to secure the present addresses of Sawyer's sister, who are widows and last reported as living in California, but that he will make every effort to secure this information.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Drawer #1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
January 11, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1212;
ARTHUR B. BAKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.
1932, ET AL.
Edward George Bremer, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Mr. J. M. Hannigan, 722 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed this morning by Special Agent J. C. Sloane and he stated that Mr. R. A. Guttman was a former investigator for his legal firm and that he had worked for said firm for the last seven years. He stated that Mr. Guttman left St. Louis around October or November 1, 1934 and went to Chicago and that he is presently working for Mr. C. M. Gallant, former St. Louis law partner, at #1 LaSalle Street Bldg., #1 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, Mr. Guttman was now residing in Chicago at 3918 or 3920 Pine Grove and that he was doing investigative work for Mr. Gallant. He stated that Mr. Guttman was a very high type of a man, married and had one child, very honest and very reliable and that he would not become mixed up in any trouble and that he had been in no trouble while in St. Louis.

Mr. Hannigan stated that he had just returned from Chicago and that he was in Chicago the day after the shooting of Russell Gibson and that he had talked to Mr. Guttman, who advised him that he lived in the same apartment and used the same apartment entrance that subject Gibson did. Mr. Hannigan stated that on the night of the shooting, Mr. Guttman had parked his car in front of the apartment building and that was probably the reason why information was being sought regarding Missouri 1934 license #360-660.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. VETTERLI,
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San Antonio, Texas
January 8, 1935

Melvin H. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RETEL BREKID THIRTY FOUR NASH SEDAN MOTOR E THREE NINE SEVEN EIGHT THREE
TEXAS LICENSE TWO EIGHT SIX THREE TWO NINE REGISTERED BY S P CHAMBERS ELEVEN
ELEVEN COTTON EXCHANGE DALLAS THIRTY THREE FORD TUDOR MOTOR FORTY SIX SIX SIXTY
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ST PAUL MINNESOTA

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THIRTY FOUR MINNESOTA LICENSE NUMBER SIX SIX NINE EIGHT FIVE ISSUED CHEVROLET
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E. J. CONNELLEY,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILL.

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CHICAGO PRENTISS HIS WIFE AND GROWN SON LEFT FORWARDING ADDRESS SURE HOTEL
SURE AND PINE GROVE AVENUE CHICAGO

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Division of Investigation
Omaha, Nebraska,
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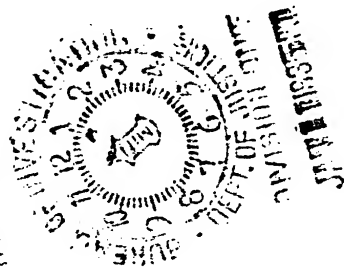
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St. Louis, Missouri,
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E. J. Connelley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

BREKID MISSOURI NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR LICENSE THREE SIX NAUGHT SIX SIX NAUGHT
ISSUED ROBERT A GUTTMAN TEN FOURTEEN A MCCAUSLAND STLOUIS FOR ROCKNE MOTOR
NUMBER B FIVE THREE FOUR SIX STOP GUTTMAN LISTED IN NINETEEN THIRTYONE CITY
DIRECTORY AS INVESTIGATOR FOR GALLANT HANNIGAN AND SUMER STLOUIS LAW FIRM
LISTED AS LAWYER IN NINETEEN THIRTYTWO STOP WIFES NAME VERA

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KANSAS CITY (BY MAIL)
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 11, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley
P. O. Box 829
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219
WILLIAM GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1214
et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Information recently came to this office to the effect that the mother of Subject Alvin Karpis was presently visiting her daughter, Mrs. Grooms, in Topeka, Kansas. Agents of this office are presently making investigation there and it appears that there is a woman there who may be Subject Karpis' mother. This woman being from Chicago. In reference to your copy of my letter to the Oklahoma City office dated January 10, 1935, you will note that apparently the party in question sent a postcard recently to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, 514 East Brady, Apartment 10, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Will you kindly advise if it is known from your contacts in Chicago whether Subject Karpis' mother is presently away from her home in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHIAS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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Chicago Illinois

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman..
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Fox.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

January 8, 1935

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of the
fingerprint impressions of MONTE CARTER, CLARA GIBSON and
RUTH HEIDT who were taken into custody on this date by the
Chicago Division Office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

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RECORDED Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In reply to a communication received from the Chicago Division Office dated January 8, 1935, please be advised that the fingerprints submitted on RUTH HEIDT have been searched in the files of the Division of Investigation and no criminal record revealed.

A search of the files also fails to reveal any fingerprint record concerning CLARA GIBSON. There appears, however, a notation to the effect that one Clara Gibson was wanted by the Division in connection with the above case per information appearing in the Division bulletin of September 17, 1934.

A search of the files of this Division reveals that MONTE CARTER, whose fingerprints were also transmitted, is identical with one Byron Bolton, wanted by the Division Offices at Chicago, Illinois and Saint Paul, Minnesota, in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer case.

11:40 A.M.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

I called Mr. Nathan in connection with Monte Carter's proposition and advised that we must consider the possibility that in making the complete statement about the case he may implicate himself. Consequently we should be careful, in making inducements to him, that no promises be made to him to hold him free of any of his own activities. Mr. Nathan advised that we have nothing against Carter now, and I stated that you had suggested, in questioning him, we not show how little we know about the facts in the case. Mr. Nathan stated that this would be kept in mind.

I advised Mr. Nathan that you desired that he also consider the desirability of taking this individual to an apartment in Chicago rather than to Detroit, if Nathan had no reason to believe that a writ might be served; that, however, you had no objection to his going to Detroit if Nathan thought that should be done. Mr. Nathan advised that the atmosphere in Chicago is antagonistic and the newspaper reporters so "snooping" that, while it might not seem confident of our own ability, he had in mind that they might be shadowed to an apartment in Chicago. He stated that this matter would be given considerable study.

I advised Mr. Nathan that you had indicated we desired the story by all means, but that if Monte puts himself "in the middle" we can't turn him loose, but we should indicate to him that if he cares to enter a plea of guilty we will make available to the court the fact that he furnished us with full and complete information. I advised that his record was being checked in the Identification Unit to see if he was wanted anywhere. I advised Mr. Nathan that I had told you that, to the best of my knowledge we had had no official request from the local authorities or anyone else for Carter when we got through with him. He stated that this was correct, although the morning "Tribune" had stated a request had been received by us. I further advised that, if our records did not show Carter as being wanted, and no official request was received, there was no reason why we could not turn him loose when we had finished. Mr. Nathan stated we would undoubtedly receive a request. I advised Mr. Nathan that you desired to emphasize the fact that Carter must be held while his story was being recorded.

I advised also that you desired a telegraphic report, when they received a copy of the coroner's report, as to whether there was anything of a derogatory nature therein.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

12:25 P.M.

January 10, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Keith.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

I talked with Mr. Nathan at Chicago and stated that I understood that it was Alvin Karpis who was in custody at Chicago. Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Purvis had talked with you about the matter, giving you the information; that he was "in and out of the room" at the time; that he was not certain but he was fairly sure Mr. Purvis had said "Doc" Barker, who is spoken of in Chicago as "No. 5". I advised that the Director desired a full and complete report on the entire matter, the pick-up of the individual, the shooting, etc. He stated he would see that this leaves the Chicago Office today. I stated that the Director desired a report every day on developments at Chicago. I advised that a teletype message would be the best manner in which to transmit the information daily to the Division; that investigative reports as often as practicable. Mr. Nathan stated that the Chief Deputy Coroner has been at the Chicago Office, and has stated that Monte Carter, whom they have at that office, has been identified as the chauffeur for Killer Burke, who is now confined in the Michigan Penitentiary under a life sentence. It is believed that Carter was a perpetrator of the St. Valentine's Day killing and the authorities in Chicago desire the gun used by Gibson the night he was shot, for ballistic purposes. Mr. Nathan told the Coroner that the gun was being sent in to Washington today for ballistic tests, and that he had no doubt but that after we had completed our tests here, we would turn the gun over to him; that we would be glad to cooperate. I advised that we could furnish the Coroner with specimen bullets immediately. He advised we had no immediate leads.

Mr. Nathan stated that there was an article in the Tribune this morning which indicated that Federal Agents were using the State of Illinois as a conquered province. The article also indicated that we had put gas in the wrong room.

He stated everyone knows we have Carter and also that we have Clarence Gibson. He stated Carter ~~should~~ be charged with violation of the Unregistered Gun Act. I asked if Polton alias Carter knew we had #5 in custody, and Mr. Nathan replied that he did not. He advised #5 was doing no talking at all.

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E. A. Tamm

Well if they cleaned
up their own dirty mess
& ran out of the town this
underworld mouthpiece,
The Tribune, the Federal
Govt wouldn't have to do so much
work in Chicago. There must be a good
reason why most criminals gravitate to Chicago.

J. C. H.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1935

Time-2:00A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

A representative of the Chicago Tribune called this morning and stated that he had received a telegram from the editor there advising him that suspects in a kidnaping case and Federal agents were engaged in a gun battle in Chicago tonight and requesting him to contact the Division for a statement. I advised that I had no information concerning the gun battle.

Respectfully,

R. L. Moore
R. L. Moore

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 10, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:15 P. M.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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Chief Clerk.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

While talking with Mr. Connelley he advised in connection with the Gibson matter at Chicago that he had just returned from the coroner's hearing, at which Mrs. Gray, the wife, testified that that was her husband; that the Agents had ordered them out of the apartment and they had come out the front door and he went out the back door and she had heard some shots. He stated that they had not yet received the coroner's report.

I advised Mr. Connelley that I had been told he or Mr. Nathan advised the Director that Karpis was in custody, but that the fingerprints received this morning were those of "Doc" Barker. Mr. Connelley stated he did not believe he had said anything to the effect that Karpis was in custody and there must have been some misunderstanding, as Barker is the one in custody. He stated the other individual is Monte Carter whose right name is J. B. Folton; that the State has been looking for this individual in connection with the St. Valentine's day massacre in Chicago in 1928. Connelley advised that neither of the individuals in custody will talk very much.

I asked Mr. Connelley whether he thought the associates of Barker, when he does not show up for several days, will assume he is in custody and attempt to get a lawyer and get a writ on us. Mr. Connelley stated they had anticipated this possibility and had been considering filing against him for possession of an unregistered gun, which carries a five year penalty; that, of course, if this done publicity will result, but his associates obtain a writ there will be nothing else we can do.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1935

Time-1:10A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Helgesen of the Washington Herald called this morning and asked for Mr. Tolson's number at the Westchester Apartments. He stated that he had just received a report that suspects in the Bremer Kidnaping and agents of the Department of Justice were engaged in a gun battle tonight in Wisconsin. I advised Mr. Helgesen that I did not have Mr. Tolson's number and since he is the Assistant Director in charge of Personnel, he would not have information concerning this matter. Mr. Helgesen stated that he had Mr. Tolson's private telephone number but would wait until in the morning to call him or contact the Division concerning the information received by him.

Respectfully,

R. L. Moore
R. L. Moore.

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TOLSON
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1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

January 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232
ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

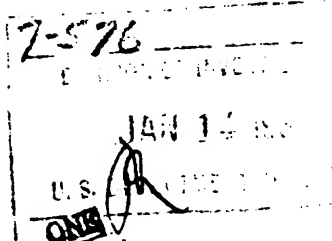
Information has been received by this office through the Sheriff at Topeka, Kansas, that the mother of Subject Karpis is apparently visiting in Topeka at the home of her daughter, one Mrs. Grooms, having arrived on or about Christmas day, 1934. Agents of this office are presently at Topeka, and have been conducting inquiries to determine whether there is any likelihood that Subject Karpis will endeavor to contact his mother while there. I have just been advised by Special Agent R. G. Reed, who is at Topeka, that through an informant contacted in Topeka he was advised that within the past two or two a postcard has been forwarded, apparently by the Subject's mother, to Mrs. Dorothy Karpis, 21 East 10th Street, Topeka, Kansas. This postcard, in effect, was as follows: "I am here all O.K. Topeka just like Chicago. Don't know anybody here."

The substance of this information was furnished to Special Agent J. B. Little, of the Oklahoma City Office, by telephone on January 10, 1935. Appropriate inquiries will be continued at Topeka, and any developments will be promptly reported.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division
L. J. Connelley, Chicago



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San Francisco, Calif. Jan. 4, 1935.

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412 U.S. COURT HOUSE AND POST OFFICE BLDG.
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

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JAN 8 - 1935
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA TAGS TWO E SIX SIX THREE NINE ISSUED JANUARY
NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR MRS. NORA RADTKE WILLARD HOTEL SANFRANCISCO ON NINETEEN THIRTY ONE
OAKLAND SEDAN MOTOR V THREE TWO TWO EIGHT SEVENTEEN SERIAL THIRTY EIGHT SIX FOUR NINE
STOP RECORDS INDICATE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE FLORIDA PLATES THREE TWO DASH SIX SEVEN
ONE ON THIS CAR IN SAME NAME ADDRESS PLANT CITY HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FLORIDA ALSO
NOTATION NINETEEN THIRTY TWO OHIO PLATES E THREE SIX DASH NAUGHT NAUGHT EIGHT STOP
CALIFORNIA OPERATOR'S LICENSE ISSUED NORA RADTKE DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN NINETEEN
THIRTY THREE DESCRIBES HER AGE TWENTY NINE FIVE FEET FIVE ONE HALF HUNDRED TWENTY
EIGHT POUNDS BROWN HAIR EYES MARRIED FATHER ROBERT CATRON. ADVISE IF DESIRE FURTHER

January 8, 1934.

GUS T JONES
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER BLDG
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

BREKID ASCERTAIN NAME ADDRESS OWNER DESCRIPTION AUTOMOBILE NINETEEN THIRTY
FOUR TEXAS LICENSES TWO EIGHT SIX THREE TWO NINE AND TWO TWO EIGHT TEN
SEVEN

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R B NATHAN
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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

BREKID ASCERTAIN NAME ADDRESS OWNER DESCRIPTION AUTOMOBILE NINETEEN THIRTY
FOUR MISSOURI LICENSE THREE SIX NAUGHT SIX SIX NAUGHT

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT: DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/11/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/11/35	REPORT MADE BY: N. J. L. PIEPER FR
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="background-color: black; width: 300px; height: 80px; margin: 10px 0;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. R. Green, dated 1-7-35, Omaha, Nebraska.			
DETAILS: AT DENVER, COLORADO. Records of the United States Marshal at Denver disclose that Bert T. Roberts			
DETAILS: <div style="background-color: black; width: 500px; height: 60px; margin: 10px 0;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 500px; height: 30px; margin: 10px 0;"></div>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Guerman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-3747</div>	
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/10/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/4/35	REPORT MADE BY: W. R. Ramsey, Jr. - IST
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1216. ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1213. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>1934 California plates #2H-6639, registered to Mrs. Nora Radtke, Willard Hotel, San Francisco, California, on January 19, 1934, as sole owner of 1932 Oakland 8 Sedan, motor #V322817, serial #308649. Records indicate prior registration in Florida and Ohio, as noted herein below. Operator's license issued Mrs. Radtke 12/27/33, and description noted.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Telegram from Jacksonville Division Office, dated 1/4/35. Telegram to Jacksonville Office, dated 1/4/35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Immediately upon receipt of reference wire, Agent communicated telephonically with Miss Ruth Assalena, Sacramento, California, representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau at Sacramento, California, who advised, after a check of the records of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, that California 1934 license tags No. 2H-6639 were issued on January 19, 1934 to a Mrs. Nora Radtke, Willard Hotel, San Francisco, as sole owner of a 1932 Oakland 8 Sedan, motor #V322817, serial #308649, which car entered California, November 3, 1933, via Yuma, Arizona.</p> <p>Miss Assalena advised that attached to the application for the above noted plates, was information indicating a 1933 Florida Automobile Registration, under license #D 32-671, in the name of Mrs. Nora Radtke, with address Plant City, Hillsborough Co., Florida, on 1931 Oakland</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. P. Gurnea</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: 7-576-3742 JAN 15 1935	
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Sedan, same motor number and serial number 328649. She stated that it was also noted that the car had been registered in Ohio during 1932 under license number E36-998, no name or address of former owner being given.

She stated that there was also attached to the application a Pennsylvania Certificate of Title, dated June 11, 1932, covering an Oakland Sedan, motor #322817, serial #308649, in the name of Mrs. Nora Radtke, Fort Pitt Hotel, 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which Certificate of Title is marked "Paid July 18, 193- (not legible)".

Miss Assalena located an Operator's License No. C621366, in California, issued 12/27/33 to Mrs. Nora Radtke, wherein she was described as twenty-nine years of age, 5'5½" tall, 128 pounds, eyes and hair brown, married, date of birth December 12, 1904, and information that she had been driving for eleven years, and further that her father's and Mother's names are Robert and Grace Catron.

Miss Assalena advised that attached to the application for the 1934 California plates was a notation indicating an inspection of the car by J. W. Dycer of the San Francisco Division of the California State Motor Vehicle Department, on 12/27/33, who gave the motor number as #V322817, serial #308649.

The substance of the above information was furnished the Jacksonville Office telegraphically on 1/4/35, with the request that in the event further investigation was desired, this office be notified.

In the absence of further advice from the Jacksonville Office, no further investigation in connection with this matter will be conducted.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul**

L. A. FILE NO. **7-42**

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-8-35	REPORT MADE BY: James G. Findlay
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases I.O. #1219 RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases I.O. #1215 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I.O. #1232, et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dover has been kept on the mail of Mrs. Louis Henebergh, sister of Kate Barker; Oksmah Reynolds, niece of Kate Barker; Mrs. Julia Connolly; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark at 613, 615 and 617 So. Union Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., and a cover has been kept on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Winters, 1823 No. Vine St., Hollywood, Calif. The tracings received are being sent to Mr. Connolly at Chicago.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent James G. Findlay, Los Angeles, Calif., December 3, 1934.			
DETAILS: Continuing this investigation and reporting on the covers placed on mail, as indicated in report of reference, said cover has been kept on the mail which has been delivered to residents at 613, 615 and 617 So. Union St., Los Angeles, Calif., which is the residence of Mrs. LOUIS HENEBERGH, sister of KATE BARKER, mother of the BARKER BROTHERS, and OKSMAH REYNOLDS, daughter of Mrs. Henebergh, and other persons receiving mail at the said addresses. The following tracings have been received and where the return address has been given in this report, mail as the postmarks which were on these mail tracings are being sent to Mr. Connolly at Chicago, where they will be compared with known specimens of the handwriting of the subjects and photostatic copies of said tracings are being sent to the Division and Bureau Office for the use of that office in making comparisons of the handwriting of the relatives of subjects at Tulsa, Okla. Photostat copies of same are also being retained in the Los Angeles Office. Further information in case any of these tracings are determined to be traceable to the handwriting of any of subjects;			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. P. Dunn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 15 1935	
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Name	Address	Return
Mrs. Julia Schnell	513 So. Union Ave.	
	513 So. Union Ave., Okeemah Clark	
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Hene- bergh	513 So. Union Ave.	L. Harrison, Jefferson, Ind., Midway R.R.
Louis Henebergh	513 So. Union Ave.	Relief Administration
Mrs. Okeemah Reynolds	513 So. Union Ave.	M. Short, Rt. 1, Box 2401, Tulsa, Okla.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clark	"	Leo & Mary Chambers, Tulsa, Okla.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clark	"	"
Mr. & Mrs. Clark	"	"
Mr. & Mrs. Clark	"	"
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Clark	"	"
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Clark	"	Mrs. Chas. Martin, W. 11th, Kansas City, Mo.
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Clark	"	"
R. Clark	"	San Francisco, Calif.
Mrs. Bob Clark	"	H. P. Alphonso, Los Angeles Tax Collector
	"	Mrs. Ray Dix, Black- stone Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.

A cover has also been kept on the mail of MR. and MRS. WYATT WINTERS, 1111 Vine St., Hollywood, Calif., friends of MR. and MRS. O. B. CANNON. No tracings have been heretofore reported in Report of Reference. Only one additional tracing has been received, which was for Wyatt Winters with no return address and bearing a Rock Island, Ill., postmark. This tracing is also being sent to Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

Other features of this investigation are being conducted in the Los Angeles district.

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NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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PRESIDENT

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E J CONNELLEY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR OHIO LICENSE SIX FIVE FIVE EIGHT NINE ONE ISSUED
JUNE TWENTYSIXTH LAST TO PETE HORN FOUR THREE TWELVE FRANKLIN AVENUE CLEVELAND
OHIO FOR THIRTYONE WILLYS COUPE MOTOR SIXTEEN NINE NINE ONE SERIAL SIXTEEN
EIGHT NAUGHT FIVE

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
January 11, 1935

JAN 15 1935 AM
DIVISION ONE
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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O. #1218, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping
L. A. File 7-42

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
James C. Findlay, dated Jan. 10, 1935, in the above en-
titled case.

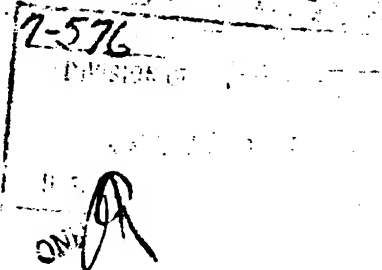
There are enclosed photostatic copies of the
mail tracings mentioned in said report, which were not
attached to same, as stated therein.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

JGF:T

cc: Division



P. O. Box #786
Cincinnati, Ohio.

HDB:CE
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January 8, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 829,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. #1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases
I.O. #1232; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram on this date, request-
ing the name and address of the owner and description of automobile
for which 1934 Ohio License No. 835891 was issued.

In confirmation of telegram of this date, this is to ad-
vise that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio advises that
the above license was issued on June 26, 1934, to Pete Horn, 4312
Franklin Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio for 1931 Willys Coupe, Motor No.
16991, Serial No. 16805. There have been no transfers of this
license and no report of theft. The bill of sale for the automobile
in question is Cuyahoga County Bill of Sale No. 8040076.

Copy of this letter is being indicated for the Detroit
Office, inasmuch as you may desire further check on the owner of
this automobile.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY, 7-576-
Special Agent in Charge.

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DETROIT

ONE

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P. O. Box #1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

January 7, 1935.

Postmarked,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of January 2nd, 1935, relative to the mail cover being maintained on the Valley Gardens, 409 Pearl Street, your city. This mail cover may now be discontinued.

Thanking you very kindly for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

WERNER HAHNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

OCD/BSW
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218; et al;
Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Lester.....
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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Nathan has advised that they are reluctant to even mention "Doc" Barker's name in the office or over the telephone, and accordingly everyone refers to him as "#5". You will note in the transcriptions of some of the telephone calls that reference is made to "#5".

Respectfully,

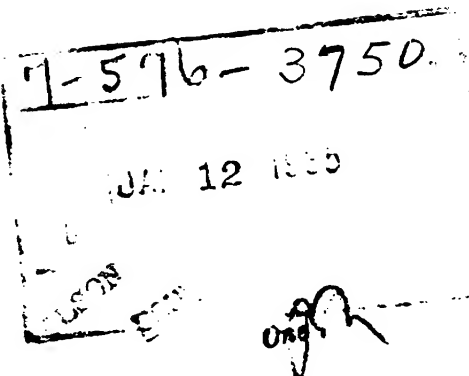
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10:05 A.M.

Mr. Nathan called in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case to advise that Monte Carter had made a proposition to furnish all information concerning this case, including the hide-out, provided we put him on the street. Mr. Nathan indicated that there were indications in the papers that he wanted for the St. Valentine's day massacre, but we don't have anything on him anyway and, if necessary, we could live up to the letter of our agreement by putting him on the street, even if the police pick him up a minute afterward. I stated we should, of course, hold him while the hide-out and story were being checked.

Mr. Nathan stated he had been considering the advisability of moving Monte Carter to Detroit (because it is near Chicago) or some other place before he is questioned and, if he comes through with enough information, we could then file on Barker, advising that he was of the opinion, as had been indicated, that it is almost impossible to keep five persons in any prison without their knowing of the identity of the other prisoners, and requested information concerning the accommodations in Detroit. I advised that Detroit was not ideal by any means but that I believed he could be kept safely there.

I advised Mr. Nathan that the Post this morning carried an article to the effect that the coroner's jury condemned us in our promiscuous shooting, stating that we should be more careful. Mr. Nathan stated that he had not yet received a copy of the report, because it had apparently not yet been written up, but the papers out there printed it as being in the report. He advised that he would get a copy of the report as soon as it came out and forward this information to the Division.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Tracy

In connection with efforts to locate members of the Barker-Karpis gang, please be advised that no results were obtained during the week from the various points of surveillance in Chicago. There is no indication of the present whereabouts of any member of the gang.

Pursuant to your suggestion, a list is submitted herewith of the following Agents who possess considerable information regarding the Barker-Karpis gang and members thereof, and in my opinion a conference of these Agents will do much toward creating new interest in the case and, no doubt, will bring about early positive results.

Chicago Office { R. D. Brown
S. K. McKee
Clarence Hurt-?
C. G. Campbell-?
John Madala
J. T. McLaughlin
Oklahoma City Office { Paul Hansen ✓
G. C. Hall ✓
Dwight Brantley ✓
San Francisco Office ✓ W. R. Ramsey ✓
St. Louis Office ✓ R. E. Vetterli ✓
✓ Detroit - Larson
Los Angeles Office ✓ B. E. Sackett ✓
Salt Lake City ✓ A. R. Gere ✓
Kansas City Office M. C. Spear ✓ ✓ Trainer
Omaha Office ✓ Orville Dewey ✓
Philadelphia Office ✓ James Fallon
St. Paul ✓ R. C. Coulter ✓ ✓ Hall

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What do you think?
L. M. Connelley is not
included. He should be
as he is in charge of this
now. J. E. H.

Respectfully, 7-576-jw

R. E. Newby

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January 7, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At the forthcoming conference on the Bremer case in the Chicago Office, no one from the Salt Lake City district is being called, although the Bremer kidnapers are known to have frequented Reno, Nevada in the past. I do not feel that there is anyone in the Salt Lake City Office with a sufficient knowledge of this case to justify bringing them to Chicago to attend the conference, nor does the Salt Lake City Office have any contacts in Reno, Nevada which are worthy of discussion at the conference. Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin has, however, been on special assignment in Reno for a period of several months, and I am advised has developed good contacts throughout the northern section of Nevada. Agent McLaughlin, who has now returned to Chicago, his headquarters, will attend this conference, and I recommend that after the conference, Agent McLaughlin be assigned to the Salt Lake City Office and instructions issued to Mr. Dowd to have Mr. McLaughlin handle the work in the northern section of Nevada. This will keep McLaughlin in the vicinity of Reno, and will enable him to develop contacts and maintain those contacts which he has already developed, without wasting any time and will in addition permit him to carry a full assignment of work from the Salt Lake City Office. If you approve this recommendation, appropriate instructions will be issued for the transfer of Agent McLaughlin.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Mr. Nathan concerning Mr. Newby's suggestion that a conference of Agents in Charge and Agents be held in Chicago in connection with the Barker-Karpis case. He believes it would be desirable for this conference to be held and have Mr. Connelley participate. I think Mr. Nathan should be there also.

I reviewed with Mr. Nathan, Mr. Newby's suggestions and he wanted to make the following comments with regard to Agents Hurt and Campbell now at Chicago:

Mr. Nathan stated he has submitted a communication to the Division recommending that these agents be transferred from the special detail to regular investigative work. However, I do not feel that action on this will interfere with their attending the conference which Mr. Nathan and I feel should be held next Friday, January 11th.

With regard to the Kansas City office, Mr. Nathan suggested that Special Agent Trainor might be brought with Special Agent Spear. He also stated that any one at Philadelphia other than Agent Fallon who is acquainted with this case would be of more value in a conference of this kind.

If you approve holding the conference I will be glad to forward the necessary telegraphic instructions so that all representatives of the Division listed will be in attendance. I also will be placed to receive your views concerning Mr. Nathan's participation in the proposed conference.

Respectfully,

✓
Clyde Tolson.

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Time - 6:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Connelley telephoned from Chicago and stated that they had succeeded in getting Monty to talk, and he has given them the location of the hideout there in Bensenville, Illinois. He has furnished the identity of the persons who occupy the two houses, and Mr. Connelley stated that Mr. Bremer undoubtedly lied to them as to the actual identification of the house. He has also furnished the information as to where we can find the location of the hideout of these fellows for the winter; that the place is in Florida on a lake there. Monty furnished information and directions as to how the place may be reached, he having been down there about December 18, 1934, at which time he made a contact with Doc Barker and "Slim".

Mr. Connelley stated that he believes that if the place at Bensenville is contacted with this man known to be in custody, it will serve to tip off the men down in Florida. I suggested that the necessary check, though, should be made of the place at Bensenville. Mr. Connelley stated that it might be well to take sufficient men from Chicago and establish a base of operation near the locality of the men in Florida; that from there they could conduct an investigation to ascertain the name of a responsible person to act as a guide. Mr. Connelley stated that if and when they rented cars down there to travel around, they should not attempt to use the Division Hudsons; that it would be better to use Fords or small cars of that nature.

I suggested the possibility of taking the men and the equipment in airplanes and establish a base at either Atlanta or Birmingham; that at this base, the men could split up or rent the cars and complete whatever plans may be made there.

Mr. Connelley stated that he would inform the Division of the results of the check of the location at Bensenville tomorrow.

Respectfully,

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Miss Gandy.....

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I.O.1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,
with aliases, I.O.1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases,
I.O.1213; DR. JOSEPH P.
MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232;
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Mr. Adolph Bremer called Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry and stated that he would like to have a conversation with him. In reply to this call, Agent Fortenberry called at the home of Adolph Bremer on January 9, 1935, and he stated that Harry Sawyer, through Dave Weinstein and C. D. Johnston, had been attempting to get him to sign an affidavit stating that he did not think Harry Sawyer had anything to do with the kidnaping of his son, Edward G. Bremer.

Mr. Bremer insisted that his name not be used in connection with this matter inasmuch as he did not want his son Edward to know he had this information, neither did he want other members of the family or employees of the brewery know of his having this information. Agent Fortenberry assured him that his name will not be used in this matter.

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This matter is being given appropriate attention. WEINSTEIN was questioned at the St. Paul Office about two and one half months ago but no information of value was given by him. The identity of "WILLIE", mentioned in the attached memorandum is not known to this office, however, the Chicago Division Office has been advised as to the telephone call.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd

D.M. LADD, *rec*
Special Agent in Charge.

SLF:HVS

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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January 9, 1935

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Kindly be informed that Mr. Nathan telephoned from the Chicago Office this morning with further reference to the Karpis-Barker case and stated that Gibson, of course, had been killed and that the individual that he had reported to you during the night as Willie Harrison was not in fact this individual; that his true name is Bryon Bolton, alias Monty Carter, a minor member of the Karpis-Barker gang and is supposed or alleged to have received his cut of the Bremer ransom money in making arrangements for the hideout; that they also have in custody three women. Mr. Nathan stated that the press realizes that they have some women in custody but do not know their identity; that the true identity of these women is as follows:

Clara Gibson - wife of the deceased Gibson.
Mildred Kuhlman
Ruth Heidt.

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Mr. Nathan stated that in all probability Mildred Kuhlman was living with Doc Barker and that Ruth Heidt, according to her statement, alleges that she was visiting the other two women. However Mr. Nathan believes that possibly she was the girl friend of Bryon Bolton, alias Monty Carter.

He further stated that the Crime Conference with regard to the Bremer case which was scheduled to be held at Chicago today will not go forward this morning in view of the fact that most of the men were up all night and that arrangements have been made for the Agents reporting to attend this conference to find them plenty to do until the conference starts; that it is entirely probable the conference will be held this afternoon. If not, it will go forward without any question tomorrow.

Concerning the Allen Cressler Bomberger kidnaping case, Mr. Nathan stated that this case had been entirely washed out in view of the fact that the victim 'phoned the Chicago police at 3:30 A.M. this morning stating that he had been released near the Great Northern Hotel in Chicago and arrangements were made for Agents of the Chicago Office to have him immediately brought to the Chicago Office. Mr. Nathan states he has conferred with the victim and does not believe his story. He claims he was kidnaped, taken to Indianapolis, brought to Chicago and released without any ransom being paid.

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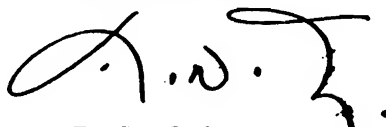
Mr. Nathan states that under a little pressure he believes the true story of this case could be ascertained, but that he does not believe it would be advisable in view of the prominence of the victim's parents and that he is more convinced than ever at this time that there was actually no kidnaping involved in the case at all. He stated that the parents of the subject were on their way to the Chicago Office in order to obtain custody of the victim and that he will be released shortly; that he furnished several leads which will be checked thoroughly.

Mr. Nathan stated that he will hold shortly another session with the press and furnish them with information concerning Bryon Bolton, alias Monty Carter, but will give no information to the press relative to the women in custody; that, of course, no information would be given out relative to the apprehension of Karpis.

He stated that a Coroner's inquest would be held this morning relative to the shooting of Gibson and arrangements have been made for Agent Brown to attend, in view of the fact that Brown was at the scene during the shooting; is friendly with the investigator for the Coroner, and will tell the facts as they actually occurred; that is, that Gibson came out of the house armed and that five or six Agents fired - the identity of the person or persons that actually hit Gibson, of course, being unknown.

Mr. Nathan further stated that everything was well under control and that he would communicate with you later on in the day.

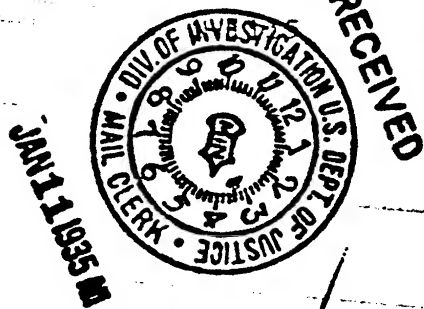
Respectfully,


T. D. Quinn.

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AS RESULT COVERS ON BARBARA AND PATRICIA LONQUEST 439 ARLINGTON PLACE
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REGISTERED AS A. R. ESSER A D WIFE ABOUT JANUARY THIRD APPARENTLY
HUSBAND RETURNED AND SURVEILLANCE MAINTAINED WITH SHADOWS OF AUTOMOBILES
LEADING TO HIDEOUT 3912 PINEGROVE WHERE APPARENTLY WILLIE HARRISON AS
J. E. BOLTEN RENTED APARTMENT ONE NORTH 3920 PINEGROVE SURVEILLANCE
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SURVEILLANCE. MYSELF SIXTEEN MEN TO TAKE 3912 PINEGROVE AND
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ARTHUR H. BARKER AND MILDRED LEFT APARTMENT ABOUT SEVEN P. M. AND TAKEN UNARMED ON STREET AGENTS BRINGING HIM TO OFFICE WITH MILDRED UNOBSERVED. MACHINE GUN AND 380 AUTOMATIC COLT NUMBER 115483 CLIPS AND DRUMS FOUND IN APARTMENT ALSO STEEL VEST. RUSSELL GIBFON AND WIFE RETURNED 3920 PINEGROVE TEN FIFTY P. M. PARTY LATTER IDENTIFIED BYRON BOLTON ENTERED REAR, PLACE AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED SURROUNDED AGENTS BARBER AND WHITE AT REAR EXIT OTHER AGENTS BACKING THEM UP. AGENT BROWN , MCKEE, MCINTIRE AND MYSELF ENTERED FROM FRONT. THIS AGENT ON SPEAKING TUBE INVITED THEM OUT INTO VESTIBULE IDENTIFYING MYSELF IN CONVERSATION WITH CLARA GRAY. CLARA GRAY AND WOMAN IDENTIFIED AS RUTH HEIDT DIVORCED WIFE WILLIE HARRISON CAME OUT FRONT AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER GIBSON WENT OUT BACK DOOR WITH STEEL VEST FIRING THREE SHOTS FROM BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLE AT AGENTS BARBER AND WHITE. GIBSON KILLED BY 351 RIFLE SHOT THROUGH VEST AND LUNG HIT 11-15 P. M. DYING ONE FORTY A. M. JANUARY NINTH

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BYRON BOLTON CAME ON FRONT WAY AND HE TWO WOMEN BROUGHT TO OFFICE. ARGUED ABOUT EIGHT MINUTES BEFORE THEY WOULD COME OUT. FIRED THREE GAS SHELLS INTO WINDOW FROM SIDE DUE TO DARKNESS STRUCK WINDOW NEXT DOOR APARTMENT NO ONE INJURED THERE NO SHOOTING INTO ANY APARTMENT EXCEPT RUSSELL GIBSON APARTMENT. IMMEDIATELY SHOOTING NECESSARY ARRANGED JANITOR TO MEET EXPECTED POLICE TO ADVISE THEM TO REPORT TO ME AND WHO WE WERE WHICH WAS ACCOMPLISHED AND POLICE WHO APPEARED COOPERATED FULLY NO FRICTION THEY REMAINING UNTIL MATTER CLEARED UP AND SEIGE APARTMENT COMPLETE AND DETERMINED NO OTHERS IN APARTMENT. CHICAGO TRIBUNE CARRIED STORY THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FRICTION POLICE AND CREATED IMPRESSION CITIZENS ENDANGERED. HOWEVER DURING SEIGE BEFORE DETERMINED ALL OUT OF APARTMENT I PROCEEDED INTO COURT YARD AND WARNED ALL PEOPLE TO STAY INSIDE CLOSE WINDOWS AND LOCK DOORS IDENTIFYING OURSELVES TO THEM. RECOVERED THIS APARTMENT TWO BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLES IN ADDITION ONE USED BY GIBSON ALL NUMBERS REMOVED TWO COLT AUTOMATIC 32 NUMBER 481720 AND 304899 ONE POLICE POSTIVE REVOLVER 38 NUMBER 273652 ONE SAWED OFF SHOT GUN 20 GAUGE ONE 351 RIFLE TWENTY SHOT CLIP FITTED AS MACHINE GUN

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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstracts of criminal records and descriptions of Mrs. Mary Havnar and Marie Henderson, and two copies each of abstract of criminal record, description, and photograph of Marie Gallegos, our file #134768, as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit, one of whom is possibly identical with the Marie Borley whose record Mr. Newby requested.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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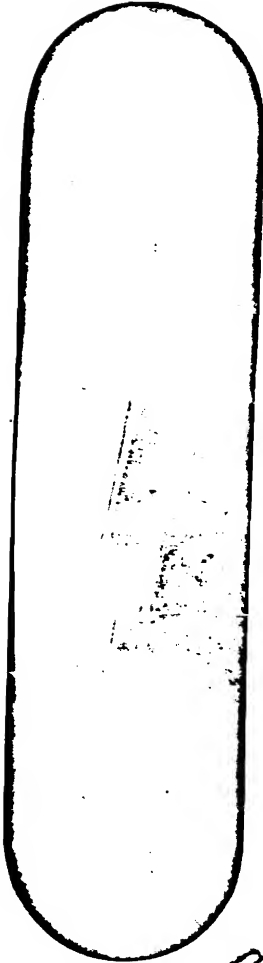
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

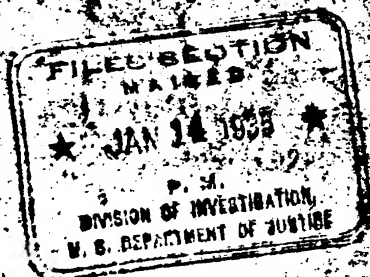
I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum dated January 12, 1935 which I have today furnished to the Attorney General, relative to the killing of Russell Gibson, while resisting arrest by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois on the evening of January 8, 1935.

As a result of the raid conducted on the premises occupied by Gibson, his wife Clara Gibson, Ruth Heidt, the ex-wife of Willie Harrison, another member of the Barker-Karpis gang, and Byron Bolton were taken into custody.

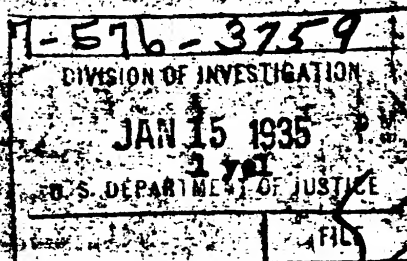
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Boston, Massachusetts,
Post Office Box #2344.



January 14, 1935.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of a telephonic communication from Phillip S. Melcher, Clerk, U. S. Custom Service, Custom House, Portland, Maine, advising that he is in receipt, in a remittance made by the Collector of Customs, Jackman, Maine, of a \$10 Federal Reserve note, #104976793A issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, Ninth District, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Attention is invited to this note which is listed among the bills enumerated in list of ransom money attached to Division circular letter dated February 8, 1934. It is assumed by this office that the note in question is part of the ransom money paid in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, w.as., I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.as., I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, w.as., I.O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.as., I.O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING.

Mr. Melcher advised that he doubted whether the Collector at Jackman, Maine, from whom this note was received, knows the source of same inasmuch as it was included in a remittance made to the Custom House at Portland, Maine, of more than \$900. Notwithstanding, a communication is being addressed to the Collector at Jackman, Maine, requesting such information as he may possess in regard to the source of this note.

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Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 3, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Tracy.....

While talking to Mr. Guinene on other matters, I inquired as to whether any Agents remained at Reno, Nevada. He stated that Agent McLaughlin was still there but that Agent Criss had returned to San Francisco. I inquired as to what work remained to be done in Reno and Mr. Guinane stated that there were "a lot of loose ends" to be picked up there. I suggested that Mr. McLaughlin exhaust any immediate leads requiring his attention as the result of his being assigned to Reno for such a long period and that the remaining leads be handled in routine fashion, Agent McLaughlin to return to Chicago as soon as possible. I instructed Mr. Guinane to have Agent Murphy return to Chicago as soon as possible, but authorized him to retain Agents Nichols and Deere until the last of the week, in order that they might assist in the arrest of the various San Francisco hoodlums who will be indicted this week for harboring Willis after which these Agents are also to return to their headquarters.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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The dead line for all of these agents is close of business Jan. 8. They must all return to their offices then & the work handled by regular staff.

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Boston, Massachusetts,
Post Office Box #2344.

U. S. Collector of Customs,
Fecham, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of information today, from
Mr. Halcher, Clerk of the U. S. Customs Service, Custom
House, Portland, Maine, that with your remittance of
several hundred dollars was found a Federal Reserve note
(\$10.00), #1048767934 which was paid as ransom money in
a kidnaping case which this Division is investigating.

I will appreciate it if you will advise me im-
mediately if you can recall when this Federal Reserve
note was received.

Very truly yours,

cc - Division
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C. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
January 14, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 908
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;
RUSSELL M. BROWN with aliases (Deceased),
I.O. #1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;
et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that it has been determined that Ohio 1934 license plates number 933-139 which were recovered during the raid in Chicago on the night of January 8, 1935, were issued to M. A. Jendall, 3038 Morris Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, for 1934 Studebaker Sedan. This license was issued on May 11, 1934. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Columbus, Ohio, has informed us that these plates were reported stolen from Mr. Jendall and a new set of plates were reissued to him.

It will be recalled that "Doc" and Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Harry Sawyer are known to have resided in Cleveland around the above date. Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Sawyer were living in houses situated in Lakewood, Ohio. Therefore, it is assumed that one of these individuals stole the license plates. However, the necessary inquiry will be made of Mr. Jendall at Lakewood concerning the theft of the plates in an attempt to secure further information with regard to this gang.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BREKID CORONERS JURY COOK COUNTY, JANUAR Y TENTH, RENDERED VERDICT
REFERENCE DEATH RUSSELL G GIBSON QUOTE RUSSELL G GIBSON CAME TO HIS
DEATH 1/9/35 AT THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL FROM A SHOTGUN WOUND OF THE
ABDOMEN, CAUSED WHEN THE DECEASED, WHO WAS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE
WAS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE ARREST BY U S GOVERNMENT AGENTS AND WAS
STRUCK BY BULLETS FIRED FROM THE GUNS OF SAID GOVERNMENT AGENTS ON
1/8/35 AT THE REAR OF 3912 PINE GROVE AVENUE ABOUT 11-40 PM. FROM
THE TESTIMONY PRESENTED, WE, THE JURY, FIND THIS OCCURRENCE JUSTIFIABLE
HOMICIDE UNQUOTE AFTER JURY HAD INDICATED THIS AS THEIR COMPLETE
FINDINGS THE DEPUTY CORONER STATED QUOTE FOR THE SAKE OF THE RECORD
I WANT TO COMMEND THE U S GOVERNMENT AGENTS. AT THE SAME TIM, I THINK
WHEN MAKING ARRESTS OF THIS KIND, THAT SOME PRECAUTION SHOULD BE MADE
XX TAKEN TO ASSURE THE LIVES OF NEIGHBORS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS,
WHO MIGHT NOT BE AWARE OF THE TYPE OF ARREST THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE.
THAT CLOSES THE INQUEST UNQUOTE REFERENCE TELETYPE TODAY AFTER
SHOOTING WAS NECESSARY I ARRANGED TO CONTACT POLICE WHERE THEY APPEARED
AND ADVISED THEM OF OUR IDENTITY AND WHAT WE WERE DOING, WHICH WAS
DONE, AND OFFICERS WHO ARRIVED COOPERATED FULLY. ALSO IN THIS CONNEC-
TION, IMMEDIATELY SHOOTING WAS NECESSARY I PROCEEDED INTO THE COURTYARD
AND WARNED ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING OF OUR IDENTITY AND THAT
THEY SHOULD REMAIN INDOORS, CLOSING THEIR WINDOWS AND LOCKING THEIR
DOORS, ADVISING THEM OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF WHAT WAS GOING ON

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

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The fingerprints of A. R. (Doc) Barker, with alias, received in the Division from the Chicago Division office, and identified with the fingerprints of Dock Barker, Identification Order #1219, were observed to show mutilation. Accordingly, when the fingerprints were received in the Identification Unit, they were compared immediately with the fingerprint cards filed in the special Mutilated Fingerprint File which was inaugurated as indicated in my memorandum of September 17, 1934. The fingerprints received currently were identified with a photographic copy of the fingerprints of Doc Barker which had been placed in this special file, as indicated in my memorandum of September 26, 1934.

An examination of the impressions of Barker appearing on the current fingerprint card shows that a considerable portion of each finger tip was scarred. The mutilation is centered in each finger about the core. An examination of the ten impressions allowed the correct primary and secondary classifications. The ridge counts were in doubt in so far as the exact number was concerned. However, from the general appearance of the ridges, the sub-groups necessary could be determined.

It is believed that in this particular case which shows a rather serious mutilation an identification could have been effected in the regular fingerprint files within a reasonable time. The existence of the special Mutilated Fingerprint File, however, expedited the identification.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The developments during the past week in the Bremer kidnaping case were the apprehensions of Arthur R. Barker, Byron Bolton alias Monte Carter and the killing of Russell Gibson at Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 1935.

At the time Barker was taken into custody he was accompanied by one Mildred Kuehlman. At the time Gibson was killed while resisting arrest, there were also taken into custody Clara Gibson, his wife, and Ruth Heidt, the ex-wife of Willie Harrison. The questioning of these individuals is being conducted at the Chicago Division Office and the indications are that considerable information will be obtained from these individuals.

There was also held at the Chicago Office on January 9 and 10, 1935 a conference of those Special Agents who are familiar with the Barker-Karpis gang, for the purpose of discussing the case and its various ramifications with the view to bringing it to an early conclusion. The results of this conference will be reported by me in a separate memorandum.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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Division of Investigation

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January 8, 1935

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I called Mr. Nathan tonight at Chicago and informed him of your desire that he personally repress any publicity that may arise out of the Karpis matter. Mr. Nathan advised that there has been no publicity as yet.

I asked Mr. Nathan for details of the capture and he advised that they were there waiting at the place and when he came out, he was taken into custody. He was unarmed and they encountered no trouble in taking him. A machine gun, some Monitor clips, a heavy bullet-proof vest, and a rubber hose were found in the place.

Mr. Nathan was advised to answer no questions and give no information on whether we have or do not have Barker or Karpis or Robinson because some of these newspaper men are going to get smart enough to make daily inquiries and then some day we are going to say that we have no comments and then if the fellow is smart enough, he is going to draw his own deductions.

Mr. Nathan stated that Barker is a tough one and is not going to talk. They are going to work in shifts during the night.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:15 P.M.

I received a call from Alt in connection with the Bremer case. He advised he had gotten in touch with Connelley, who is at the Marion Hotel in Ocala, but that he does not want to talk from there; that Connelley had advised he is all set for tonight and will call Alt back later to give instructions about the Agents there in Jacksonville, indicating in his last conversation that they have found the place.

I advised Alt that I would like to talk with Connelley and requested that he contact Connelley and request him to go some place several miles away from the hotel and call me. Mr. Alt advised that there are a number of small towns within a radius of ten or fifteen miles from Ocala where there are telephones which Connelley could use, but that it was his, Alt's, understanding that they would all go through the same pay station at Ocala. I advised that if it were impossible for me to talk with Connelley, I could convey the instructions to Alt and have him relay them to Connelley.

A few minutes later I called Alt to advise him that it would be all right for him to relay the instructions to Connelley, but he stated Connelley had already started for a town a short distance away and would contact me by telephone in a very short while.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO. 7-11 MAM

REPORT MADE AT: BUFFALO, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/16/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/7, 12, 15/35	REPORT MADE BY: J. D. CUNNINGHAM
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219 RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232 et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No auto and burglar sawed-off shotgun, 20-gauge, No. 109198 manufactured by Ithaca Gun Co., Tracings of cover placed on mail of Mrs. Gladys Hodil, Buffalo, N.Y., set forth. Check of records of Registry of Motor Vehicles, Albany, N.Y., reveals three 1934 Buick Sedans with 1934 registration ending in "337."			
REFERENCE: Telegram from Special Agent in Charge E.J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., 1/12/35; report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Ill., 12/17/34.			
DETAILS: AT ITHACA, N.Y. Mr. Z. Howland, Head Repair and Shipping Department Clerk, Ithaca Gun Co., upon interview, advised that his company has manufactured auto and burglar sawed-off shotguns since 1924. He stated that these guns were 20-gauge and double-barrelled, but that the lowest number on this type of gun is about 360,600. At the writer's request, gun #109198 was found in the manufacture record, and it was ascertained that this gun was made in 1905; that it was a 12-gauge double-barrelled shotgun. Mr. Howland explained that			
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even if the barrel was sawed off, this gun would not shoot a 20-gauge cartridge, as the loading chamber was not the correct size.

Mr. Howland advised that inasmuch as his company did manufacture an auto and burglar sawed-off double barrel 20-gauge shotgun, that he believed the number in the telegram of reference was incorrect. As to numbering these guns, he stated that no two are numbered alike--even if they are of different styles, and that gun #109198 would be old and obsolete, as it was now thirty years old.

The writer attempted to ascertain to whom gun #109198 was shipped. Mr. Howland advised that the greater part of the records prior to 1912 had been destroyed in a fire. After searching the available records, he stated that this particular record had been burned, and in view of this fact there was no way to trace the purchaser of the gun.

At BUFFALO, N.Y.

Constant surveillance has been maintained of Mrs. Gladys Hodil, (who resides with her mother, Mrs. Emma Springer, 1049 Michigan Ave.) since her arrival in Buffalo. She is still in this city. Cover agents have been advised that Mrs. Hodil has received letters from New York City, Chicago, Flint, Mich. and Pittsburgh, Pa. These tracings are being set forth hereinafter for the information of St. Paul Office and of Special Agent in Charge at Chicago, Ill.

Addressed to:

Sender:

c/o Emma Springer

Ruth G. Hodell

Gladys Hodil

Bowen

Ruth Hodell

Ruth Hodell

Chemical Co.

Chas. H. Phillips New York City

At ALBANY, N.Y.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Paul J. Côtter, of this office.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Harnett, upon interview, stated that he would be glad to comply with Agent's request in having a search of the records made for any Buick Sedan, 1934 model, which was registered in 1934 under numbers, the last three of which would be "337."

Miss May Cary was placed in charge of such a search and she reported that three 1934 model Buick Sedans which were registered under numbers ending with "337." There are the following noted registrations:

1. #7E 4337 George Alfred Bowen - 1934 Buick Sedan
616 W. Center St.
Medina, N.Y.
2. #3U 3337 Margaret Eager - 1934 Buick Sedan
2101 Cedar Ave.
New York City
3. #2V 9337 Florence Hollinshead - 1934 Model Sedan.
911 McLean Ave.
Yonkers, N.Y.

Miss Cary stated that the data on the registration did not include any description of the car, so no comparison could be made with the description of the car referred to on PP 51-52 of report of reference. Miss Cary had all Buicks having registration numbers ending in "337" listed, but same are not being set out in this report, as this information is deemed not material.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE will make appropriate investigation to ascertain reputations of Florence Hollinshead, 911 McLean Ave., Yonkers, N.Y., and Margaret Eager, 2101 Cedar Ave., New York City, owners of 1934 Buick Sedans -- and will attempt to learn whether either of these cars is the one which informant Behn, on pages 51-52 of report of reference refers to as "a 1934 model, dark colored sedan, equipped with a large black, full-sized trunk on the rear, and bearing 1934 New York license plates, the last numbers

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being "337" ..." and in which he states he saw subjects Willie Harrison and Harry Campbell riding. This car was reported as seen at Chicago.

BUFFALO OFFICE, at MEDINA, N.Y., -- will make appropriate investigation to determine the identity of car owned by George Alfred Bowen, 812 W. Center St., this city. Will attempt to ascertain the possibility of said car being the car referred to on pages 51-42 of report of reference.

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☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
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☐ Washington Field Office

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Mr. Tolson.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary
Mr. Clegg.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct
Mr. Baughman.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-write
Chief Clerk.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-date
Mr. Coffey.....	<input type="checkbox"/> See me
Mr. Edwards.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Send file
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E. A. TAMM -

Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan

January 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
Kidnaping Detroit File #7-25

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that immediately following the activities in Chicago on January 8, Special Agents Hall and Soapy of this office were dispatched to Toledo for the purpose of keeping in contact constantly with the confidential informant there who had furnished valuable information, and it is felt that within due course this informant will secure additional information regarding other members of the gang.

I contacted informant [redacted] today, and she advised me that she succeeded last Sunday in making a contact with C. J. Fitzgerald, also known as "Big Fitz", and "Old Charlie".

[redacted] has positively identified "Old Charlie" as the man in the photograph shown her as being identical with the individual sought by this division.

Fitzgerald told her that Fred Barker and mother, Ray Karpis and his paramour, Delores Delaney, are now in Florida. He stated that Fred Barker contacted him at Toledo just before Christmas, having driven alone from Florida to Toledo. At that time Fred Barker wanted Fitzgerald to return to Florida with him, but Fitzgerald stated that he desired to remain in Toledo for a few weeks longer.

He told [redacted] that he did not know exactly where the gang was living in Florida, but stated that it was in the northern portion of the state where hunting is good. He told the [redacted] that Fred Barker had informed him that he, Barker, had recently killed four deer.

Fitzgerald stated that Doc and Willie Harrison were at Toledo around Christmastime, and that he is now awaiting the return of Doc Barker stating that it was Doc Barker's plans to return to Toledo between the

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fourth and tenth of January. Fitzgerald also informed her that he is anticipating going to Florida tomorrow but that he is being delayed on account of waiting for Doc Barker.

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He told the [redacted] that he, Fitzgerald was living with a bootlegger in Toledo, and that the gang always contacted him immediately upon their arrival in Toledo. He stated that Fred Barker always comes directly to the house, but that whenever any of the other members of the gang come into town they call him over the telephone and then arrange a meeting place. The [redacted] was not able to learn from Fitzgerald without asking him openly where he is residing, but she did make definite arrangements with him to contact her at the hotel tomorrow. In accordance with our instructions she will proceed to Florida with Fitzgerald if he invites her to do so. He offered her some money and appeared very friendly.

She informed him that she was very desirous of contacting Fred Barker and Ray Karpis. Fitzgerald further informed her that he and his wife, Belle, were in Europe last summer with Mother Barker and that upon his return to this country he went to San Francisco where he entered a hospital, name unknown for treatment of an injured leg. He stated that a Doctor Peterson took care of him and that he was visited by Baby Face Nelson about six or seven weeks ago at the hospital. He also stated that it will be necessary for him to return to the hospital in about two months for further treatment. The [redacted] does not know what the trouble is with Fitzgerald's leg, but she states that he limps very noticeably and is carrying a cane.

Fitzgerald informed the [redacted] that both Doc Barker and Willie Harrison were in Chicago when Russell Gibson was killed, and that he has become somewhat worried about them. He further told her that Volney Davis has not been in touch with the other members of the gang for some time. He also told her that his wife, Belle, who is alleged to be around St. Paul received information from Blanche Davenport, wife of Jack Davenport to the effect that Harry Sawyer is supposed to be hiding at a farm not far from St. Paul and that his wife Gladys Sawyer has been seen frequently going around with two strange men in St. Paul and Minneapolis; that she has not contacted her husband and that she, Gladys, is doing considerable drinking. Blanche Davenport stated that Jack Davenport had not contacted Gladys since her return to St. Paul.

The [redacted] will contact Fitzgerald tomorrow [redacted]
[redacted] She will then [redacted]

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immediately get in touch with Agent Hall so that Fitzgerald can be followed from the hotel, in order to determine the place where he is living, which it is felt will lead to the apprehension of at least some of the other members of the gang. Also she will determine definitely if Fitzgerald is leaving for Florida tomorrow, if so, necessary arrangements will be made to follow him.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

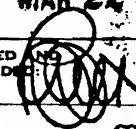
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-14-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-11-35	REPORT MADE BY: ROSWELL E. SMITH
TITLE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I. O. #1232; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		<p>William E. Brown, 1106 N. E. First Ave., Miami, Florida, disclaimed acquaintance with W. J. Harrison or with any other member of the Karpis-Barker gang, stating that if he did know the whereabouts of one of them he would not divulge it.</p>	
REFERENCE:		<p>Letter from St. Louis Office, dated 12-6-34, and report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, St. Louis, dated 12-20-34.</p>	
DETAILS:		<p>William E. Brown, 1106 N. E. First Ave., Miami, Florida, is running the Tutweiller Apartments, at the above address with the aid of his wife, the former Dora Battey of Miami, Florida. Agent exhibited the photograph of William J. Harrison to Brown and questioned him at length about all members of the Karpis-Barker mob. Brown insisted that he did not know Harrison or any of the others and that if he did he would not disclose the whereabouts of any wanted man.</p>	
DETAILS:		<p>At the time of the interview Brown was clean-shaven and stated that his teeth had been filed down preparatory to placing porcelain caps on them.</p>	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

11:20 A.M.

Mr. Ladd called in connection with the Bremer case and advised that this morning at about 9 or 9:30 a reporter from the American came in and said "What can you tell me about Doc Barker?", and Ladd advised him that he did not know anything about him, and a little later the reporter asked, "Where are you holding Doc?", and Ladd advised that we were not holding him. The reporter later asked for a copy of the identification order on Barker. Mr. Ladd advised he believed we should get Barker out of that district as soon as possible, if we can. I advised that I would call him back concerning this as soon as possible.

I advised Mr. Ladd further that as soon as the raid is conducted in Florida the news is going to get out; that we are going to have to file on these people right away and that we will have to have the hide-out before we can file; that as soon as Connelley gets the place located and gets a guard around it, Ladd will be advised in order that somebody can go out and locate the hide-out.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

12:10 P.M.

I called Mr. Ladd back relative to moving #5 to Detroit, advising that you desired this done tonight, after dark, by car, under suitable guard, and that I believed a convoy car should go along. I requested that he call Larson and make appropriate arrangements. Mr. Ladd advised that there is a gun room in the Detroit Office in which he believes #5 can be safely held, and that it is his recollection that the windows of this room are barred. I suggested that it might be well for Larson to meet them outside of the city some place and then take them in to the office. Mr. Ladd advised he would contact Mr. Larson and make all arrangements, keeping the Division advised of developments.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Connelley called and stated that Kate and Fred Barker were both killed; that none of our men were hurt. Mr. Connelley and another agent went up to the house and asked them to come out, and the old woman said, "Let go". The occupants of the house then "let go" at Connelley with the machine gun, the shots cutting all around him, about 50 of them. They shot about 25 at Agent White, who was behind a tree. The fight continued and Mr. Connelley went around to the front of the house and shot into the room. The shots of the occupants of the house, were toward houses about 500 yards away. Two machine guns were found in the room, a rifle was found downstairs, and the coroner was sent for before anything was touched. Connelley stated he had a tip on something at Miami; that he had a plane at Ocala and would send five men there, and would go himself as soon as things were cleared up at the house. I advised that Hanson and about six men were coming by plane to Jacksonville where they would stop to see if Connelley had plans for them. Mr. Connelley asked if I would call Jacksonville and have them proceed to Miami. I advised Stapleton is coming from Charlotte by plane with two men and will stop in Jacksonville for instruction. Mr. Connelley suggested they be held there until the situation is viewed. Mr. Hanson and his men will meet Brown at the airport in Miami. It is not known who shot Fred and Kate Barker.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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I telephoned Mr. Ladd at Chicago and inquired if the guns received here in the Division which had been taken from Russell Gibson, had been processed for fingerprints. Mr. Ladd advised that Agent Chaffetz had gone over these guns for latent fingerprints and that it would not be necessary for them to be processed further.

Respectfully,

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